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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW OF US-INDONESIAN ENERGY RELATIONS

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE (GAO) HAS EXPANDED ITS PLAN TO CARRY ON A STUDY OF US-INDONESIAN ENERGY RELATIONS AND WILL NOW INCLUDE CANADA AND MEXICO. THE STUDY IS INTENDED INTER ALIA TO COMPLETE WORK BEGUN IN MAY 1977 IN JAKARTA AND THEN DELAYED AT THE EMBASSY'S REQUEST.

2. GAO HAS INDICATED THAT THEY PLAN TO TALK TO CONCERNED BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE U.S. BEFORE THEY UNDERTAKE THEIR TRAVEL. WE HOPE TO MAXIMIZE THEIR REVIEW HERE SO THAT REQUIREMENTS ON THE EMBASSY AND GOI IN INDONESIA MAY BE LESS. GAO HAS ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT
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A VISIT TO INDONESIA WOULD BE INOPPORTUNE PRIOR APRIL DUE TO PENDING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

3. GAO HAS INDICATED THAT A MAJOR AREA OF THEIR INTEREST IS SECURITY OF SUPPLY. THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN FURTHER DEEP PROBING OF THE LNG ISSUE.

4. DEPT WILL POUCH BACKGROUND PAPERS ON PROPOSED STUDY
AS AVAILABLE. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO DEFINE PROPOSED GAO

GOALS AND METHOD OF INVESTIGATION TO IMPROVE FEASIBILITY/
PRACTICALITY OF THE PROJECT IN THE INDONESIAN CONTEXT.
EMBASSY VIEWS WELCOME AT ALL TIMES. VANCE

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